

# LANDOWNER'S GUIDE TO THE NORTH CAROLINA FOREST DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM



North Carolina Department of  
Environment and Natural Resources  
Division of Forest Resources  
1616 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, NC 27699-1616

## PROCEDURE

1. Contact your county forest ranger or the nearest Division of Forest Resources office; both are listed in the white pages of the telephone book under "North Carolina, State of." Offices of the North Carolina Cooperative Extension Service, Natural Resource Conservation Service and Farm Services Agency also will be able to assist you.
2. A representative from the Division of Forest Resources will meet with you to:
  - Make an on site examination of your woodland
  - Discuss your management options based on your goals
  - Prepare a written management plan for your woodland
  - Provide you with a cost share application
3. Once your application has been signed and submitted, you will receive a written notification of funding. Applications will be considered on a first come, first serve basis and must be approved before the actual work begins.

## DIVISION OF FOREST RESOURCES

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Asheville, 220 Sardis Road, 28806, (828) 667-5211  
Elizabeth City, 861 Berea Church Road, 27909, (252) 331-4781  
Fairfield, State Road #1305, 27826, (252) 926-3041  
Fayetteville, 221 Airport Road, 28306, (910) 437-2620  
Hillsborough, 3314 NC 86 South, 27278, (919) 732-8105  
Lenoir, 1543 Wilkesboro Road, 28645, (828) 757-5611  
Lexington, 304 Old Hargrave Road, 27295, (336) 956-2111  
Mt. Holly, 1933 Mountain Island Highway, 28120, (704) 827-7576  
New Bern, 3810 Clarendon Boulevard, 28562 (252) 514-4764  
Rockingham, 1163 North US Highway #1, 28379, (910) 997-9220  
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Sylva, 443 Highway 116, 28779, (828) 586-4007  
Whiteville, 1413 Chadbourne Highway, 28472, (910) 642-5093

## REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE

I would like to have a forester visit me to discuss the planting  
of trees or management of my existing woodland.

Detach and Return to:

Director  
North Carolina Division of Forest Resources  
1616 Mail Service Center  
Raleigh, NC 27699-1616



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

## Why Plant Trees?

Trees planted today will increase rapidly in value and help your land become more productive. Private, individual landowners control four-fifths of North Carolina's commercial forest land. Half of this land is under used; only a fraction of the timber the land is capable of supporting is actually being grown.

The **North Carolina Forest Development Program** is a continuing effort designed to encourage private landowners to reforest after harvest and to place their idle and under productive forest land into full timber production.

Forest industry contributes the majority of the funding for this program through a special assessment paid on all timber harvested in North Carolina. An appropriation from state funds is also provided by the legislature.



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## Who is Eligible?

Any private individual, group, association or corporation may apply. To qualify for a cost-sharing reimbursement, an applicant must own land suitable for growing commercial timber. There is no limitation on the amount of land an applicant may own.

A forest management plan approved by a representative of the Division of Forest Resources is required. Such a plan contains a description of present and future courses of action that will be followed to assure forest productivity and environmental protection.

The landowner may prepare a forest management plan, however most landowners prefer to have a professional forester prepare their plans. The North Carolina Division of Forest Resources, consulting foresters and some industry foresters will provide this service.

## What Practices are Covered?

Any work needed to establish a new forest and included in the approved forest management plan is eligible for a cost-sharing payment. This includes tree planting (plus the cost of the seedlings) and work needed to prepare the land for planting.

Also included are practices designed to insure establishment, such as release of seedlings and sprouts of valuable species from competing vegetation. These practices apply to the management of hardwoods as well as pines. Any eligible practices must be included in the approved forest management plan.

## Extent of Assistance

A landowner will be reimbursed a percentage of the actual per acre cost or the prevailing rate in that area, whichever is less. The cost-share rate may vary by practice and fiscal year. A landowner may receive assistance on a maximum of 100 acres per year, but the landowner must agree to maintain the trees for a 10 year period. Prevailing rates for typical forestry practices are set by the Director of the Division of Forest Resources.



## Can I Receive Both State and Federal Cost-Sharing Funds?

Yes, but not for the same practice on the same acre of land in the same year. The state Forest Development Program is designed to complement federal programs, not duplicate them.

